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SUMMARY: KOSYGIN STUCK LARGELY TO CEMA ISSUES IN HIS SPEECH TO

THE 30TH CEMA MEETING IN EAST BERLIN JULY 7. TODOROV OF BULGARIA ATTACKED THE U.S. CALL FOR COORDINATION BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN TRADE POLICY. LAZAR OF HUNGARY COMPLAINED ABOUT PRICES OF RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS; AND RODRIGUEZ OF CUBA DELIVERED A POLEMIC CONTAINING FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. JULY 7, THE FIRST DAY OF THE CEMA 30TH MEETING IN EAST BERLIN SAW BRIEF ADDRESSES BY CEMA OFFICE HOLDERS ON FORMAL AGENDA ITEMS (REFTEL) FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES BY DELEGATION CHIEFS KOSYGIN, TODOROV, LAZAR, AND RODRIGUEZ. EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS OF THE LATTER WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. SPEAKING FIRST, KOSYGIN REVIEWED IN UNREMARKABLE FASHION SOVIET VIEWS ON CEMA INTEGRATION, CALLING IT AN "EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT FACTOR" IN SECURING THE POWER OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND D PRAISING IT AS A FACTOR IN THE "PERCEPTIBLE TURN TOWARD DETENTE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1970S". IN TECHNICAL AREAS, KOSYGIN STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF JOINT LONG-TERM PLANNING IN KEY INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING FUEL AND ENERGY, AND SAID THAT A "GENERAL AGREEMENT" ON COOPERATION TOWARD A UNIFIED CEMA ELECTRICAL ENERGY SYSTEM WOULD BE SIGNED IN 1977. HE HAILED GROWING CEMA TIES WITH LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND REFERRED WITH SATISFACTION TO UNCTAD IN NAIROBI, WHERE, KOSYGIN SAID CEMA MEMBERS ADVANCED A DETAILED COMMON POSITION.

3. NEXT CAME TODOROV OF BULGARIA WHO LACED FEALTY TO THE SOVIET UNION WITH INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN CEMA AND EC ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN 1975. MORE INTERESTING HOWEVER, WAS A DIRECT ATTACK ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR COORDINATION OF EAST-WEST TRADE POLICY BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES. TODOROV SAID "AN EXPRESSION OF THIS TENDENCY (TOWARD THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN WORLD POLITICS) IS THE SYSTEMATIC EFFORT OF SOME WESTERN CIRCLES TO WORK OUT AN AGREED APPROACH ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF CEMA. IN THE PAST THE IMPERIALIST STATESHAVE TRIED TO REACH THEIR GOALS THROUGH A POLICY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF EMBARGO AND BLOCKADE. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS OF DETENTE, THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE OUR POLICY OF PEACE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH MORE ELASTIC MEANS. ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THIS IS THE SEVEN-POINT PROGRAM ON WORKING OUT A COMMON APPROACH IN RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST STATES THAT WAS PRESENTED BY KISSINGER RECENTLY AT THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS." APPROVING REFERENCES TO GROWING CEMA TIES WITH LDS'S AND OTHER FOREIGN

COUNTRIES WERE FOLLOWED BY A POSITIVE REFERENCE TO THE CEMA INITIATIVE "FOR CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE PRICIPLES OF MUTUAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN CEMA AND THE EC.

4. HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER LAZAR PULLED FEW PUNCHES IN DESCRIBING THE DIFFICULTIES "WORLD MARKET" RAW MATERIALS PRICES WERE CAUSING HIS COUNTRY. WITH 45 PERCENT OF HUNGARIAIAN NATIONAL INCOME INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRADE, THE "UNFAVORABLE ALTERATION OF CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE" AND THE FACT THAT HUNGARY WAS FORCED INCREASINGLY TO WESTERN RAW MATERIALS MARKETS TO MEET ITS NEEDS LEAD TO "SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION" OF THE HUNGARIAN POSITON. PRAISING LONG-TERM PLANNING COORDINATION, LAZAR SAID CEMA OUGHT ALSO TO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO TIMELY FULFILLMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN ON, AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ORENBURG PEIPELINE. STRESSING HUNGARIAN DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FUEL, LAZAR SAID TI IS VIAL TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE USSR, IN WHICH CONNECTION HUNGARY THINKS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN WORKING OUT COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS.

5. CUBAN DELGATE RODRIGUEZ DEVOTED A LARGE PORTION OF HIS REMARKS TO EXTRAVAGANT RHETORIC ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS THEMES, ESPECIALLY NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIA. HE PRAISED ANGOLA FOR ITS VITORY OVER IMPERIALISM ACHIEVED THROUGH SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA, THE USSR, OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, AND HE MADE FREQUENT DEROGATORY REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING ACCUSATIONS OF SUBERSIVE ACTIVITY IN JAMAICA AND GUYANA. A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFERENCE TO THE PUERTO RICO SUMMIT PORTRAYED "U.S. IMPERIALISM" AS BARRING THE WAY TO PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. A FURTHER REFERENCE NAMED SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WHAT WAS APPARENTLY MEANT AS AN ATTACK ON THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE BANK PROPOSAL. RODRIGUEZ ADDRESSED CEMA ISSUES LATER IN HIS SPEECH, STRESSING THE DESIRABILITY OF CEMA SUPPORT FOR LDC ASPIRATIONS, AND ADVERTISING CUBA AS A SOURCE OF VARIOUS PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS. COOPER

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